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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF CORNISH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 4, 1884.

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects.

1st—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d—To choose a Town Clerk.

3d—To choose three Selectmen, one or more Fish and Game Wardens, and all necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

4th—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

5th—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.

6th—To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a Liquor Agent the ensuing year.

7th—To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to procure plans and estimates of cost of a soldiers' monument, or memorial hall, tablets, or other means of perpetuating the memory of the soldiers of the late War of the Rebellion. Said committee to report at next town meeting.

8th—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the several cemeteries in this town the ensuing year.

9th—To see if the town will vote to prohibit fishing in any of the waters in the town of Cornish for the term of three years from the first day of May, 1884.

10th—To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to buy a road machine, and raise money therefore.

11th—To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, 1884.

N. A. DEMING, }
WM. TANDY, } Selectmen of Cornish.
E. T. AYERS, }

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

OF THE

# SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH

FOR THE

## Year Ending March 1, 1884.

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**Inventory of the Town, April 1, 1883.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 228 Polls | $ 288 00 | |
| Real estate, resident and non-resident | 4,309 88 | |
| 406 horses | 202 64 | |
| 165 oxen | 101 64 | |
| 576 cows | 138 14 | |
| 452 other stock | 88 68 | |
| 5667 sheep | 133 28 | |
| 15 hogs | 1 62 | |
| 27 carriages | 15 60 | |
| 14 owners of stock in trade, (am't) | 63 50 | |
| 55 owners of money at interest, (am't) | 396 20 | |
| 14 factories and mills | 72 00 | |
| 2 owners bank stock | 36 00 | |
| 1 toll bridge | 100 00 | |
| Total valuation of the town, | | $5,947 18 |

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was $1.00 in money, $0.31 in labor on highway, $0.105 school-house tax in District No. 7, $0.385 school-house tax in District No. 8, $0.26 special school-house tax in District No. 12.

## Amount of Tax Assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and by vote of the town, and by vote in school districts was as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For State tax | $1360 00 | |
| For county tax | 1419 37 | |
| To defray town charges | 1600 00 | |
| To repair highway through Cornish Center | 200 00 | |
| To repair cemeteries | 100 00 | |
| For support of schools | 1190 00 | |
| Percentage | 85 81 | |
| School-house tax, Dist. No. 7 | 50 00 | |
| Percentage | 50 | |
| School-house tax, Dist. No. 8 | 215 00 | |
| Percentage | 5 51 | |
| Special school tax, Dist. No. 12 | 25 00 | |
| Percentage | 22 | |
| Dog tax | 68 00 | |
| Non-resident highway tax | 98 52 | |
| Unworked highway tax of last year payable in money | 37 96 | |
| | | $6,455 89 |

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following additional sums:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Of the County for the support of County paupers | $ 68 98 | |
| Of the State, bounty on crows | 54 80 | |
| Of Lemuel Martindale, trustee of Foss Fund, support of poor, | 112 80 | |
| Of town of Claremont, in part for putting up stone monument, | 1 00 | |
| Of State, for railroad tax, 1883 | 181 24 | |
| Of State for Savings Bank tax,'83, | 512 95 | |
| Of State, int. on Literary Fund,'83 | 138 21 | |
| Of State for orders Nos. 22 & 23, '83, last year reported not paid | 4 16 | |
| | | $1,074 14 |
| | | $7530 03 |

| | |
|---|---|
| The amount of highway tax to be asessed by vote of the town to be paid in labor was..... | $1800 00 |
| Percentage..... | 9 53 |

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The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer as follows:

**For Support of Schools.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| District No. 1, | Frank H. Weld.... | $158 19 | |
| " 2, | Orville B. Williams, | 82 63 | |
| " 3, | Levi L. Chapman.. | 90 63 | |
| " 4, | Lyman D. Wood... | 45 32 | |
| " 5, | Martin L. Walker.. | 64 39 | |
| " 6, | Richmond Rawson, | 201 35 | |
| " 7, | Nathan K. Spaulding | 107 74 | |
| " 8, | Charles H. Deming, | 128 37 | |
| " 9, | Freeman A. Johnson, | 70 43 | |
| " 10, | Arthur P. Thrasher, | 82 54 | |
| " 11, | James A. Kendrick, | 90 00 | |
| " 12, | John Butman..... | 21 74 | |
| " 13, | Daniel D. Bartlett.. | 69 35 | |
| " 14, | Mrs. J. G. Rowell.. | 23 37 | |
| " 15, | John Conlin..... | 18 35 | |
| " 16, | Orlando P. Burr... | 52 51 | |
| " 1, | Plainfield, John Peterson..... | 4 27 | |
| " 14, | Claremont, Henry C. Freeman..... | 11 60 | |
| | | | $1,322 78 |

**For Support of County Paupers.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dennis Alexander..... | $18 48 | |
| Lydia B. Trowbridge..... | 23 25 | |
| Catherine Chase..... | 13 50 | |
| Mrs. C. C. Forehand..... | 3 50 | |
| Willie Norton..... | 15 75 | |
| | | $74 48 |

**For Support of Town Paupers.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Arthur Rickard | $10 00 | |
| Albert Kelley | 50 37 | |
| | | $60 37 |

**For Plank, Timber, Tile and Stone.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moses Hutchinson | $ 1 00 | |
| Marvin J. Deming | 1 20 | |
| Freeman A. Johnson | 50 | |
| A. H. Eastman | 1 05 | |
| Lyman Fitch | 2 00 | |
| William E. Westgate | 1 58 | |
| George L. Deming | 3 27 | |
| R. Amsden | 33 95 | |
| William H. Harlow | 3 84 | |
| Martin L. Walker | 2 33 | |
| Sylvester M. Bugbee | 4 00 | |
| Daniel Farnsworth | 4 00 | |
| Charles Mason | 16 80 | |
| Edwin T. Ayers | 21 00 | |
| Edwin H. Smith | 5 72 | |
| George W. Sargent | 54 40 | |
| Benjamin T. Harlow | 14 64 | |
| Charles E. Jackson | 9 78 | |
| James W. Fitch | 1 26 | |
| Stephen A. Tracy | 7 00 | |
| James F. Tasker | 62 92 | |
| Fred W. Dunsmore | 5 00 | |
| Charles H. Reed | 43 72 | |
| John Q. York | 3 73 | |
| John White | 50 | |
| Edward Bryant | 5 07 | |
| Harvey S. Read | 1 20 | |
| A. H. Eastman | 3 68 | |
| Allen P. Messer | 6 88 | |
| Joseph B. Comings | 4 53 | |
| Edward O. Day | 7 20 | |
| George W. Sargent | 3 00 | |
| George D. Kenyon | 1 40 | |
| | | $338 15 |

**For Labor on Highways and Bridges.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Marvin J. Deming | $ 2 75 | |
| Albert Weld | 4 50 | |
| A. H. Eastman, snowing bridges | 4 75 | |
| G. D. Kenyon | 3 16 | |
| Edward T. Ayers, work on City road, | 24 50 | |
| John Conlin | 10 40 | |
| Edward T. Ayers | 3 75 | |
| Lemuel Martindale, work on City road, | 176 73 | |
| William E. Westgate | 12 21 | |
| George D. Kenyon | 3 25 | |
| George L. Cole | 3 50 | |
| Allen P. Messer, railing, on Freeman hill | 30 00 | |
| William H. Harlow | 2 00 | |
| Daniel Farnsworth | 4 00 | |
| Charles Mason | 75 | |
| Edwin T. Ayers | 3 12 | |
| Oliver P. Burr | 7 00 | |
| William D. Lear | 3 74 | |
| Charles E. Jackson | 7 36 | |
| Allen P. Messer | 13 00 | |
| Henry H. Tasker | 4 00 | |
| Lemuel Martindale | 32 00 | |
| Abel W. Fairbanks | 85 | |
| Henry L. Fletcher | 7 72 | |
| James F. Tasker | 150 00 | |
| | | $515 04 |

**For Breaking Roads.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Lyman D. Wood | 13 05 |
| George L. Cole | 9 53 |
| Alfred E. Chadborn | 15 00 |
| Frank H. Cass | 6 00 |
| Fred A. Tifft | 18 28 |
| Chauncey P. Jenney | 13 30 |
| A. H. Eastman | 7 00 |
| Henry H. Fairbanks | 4 50 |
| Daniel G. Deming | 2 80 |
| Alexander H. Barker | 6 80 |
| George C. Huggins | 3 40 |
| Nathaniel N. Huggins | 7 80 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John Conlin | 8 80 | |
| George E. Bugbee | 2 25 | |
| Patrick Reynolds | 8 00 | |
| Frank H. Cass | 10 00 | |
| J. G. Rowell | 4 78 | |
| Edward O. Day | 6 20 | |
| Andrew J. Hook | 5 00 | |
| Henry E. Rich | 2 88 | |
| Daniel Farnsworth | 2 00 | |
| Alfred S. Sisson | 9 50 | |
| William W. Pool | 9 00 | |
| | | $175 87 |

**For Improvement of Cemeteries.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm. E. Deming, repairing fence of cemetery near Center church | $14 90 |
| N. A. Deming, repairing fence of cemetery near W. D. Lear's | 12 88 |
| Edward O. Day, labor in new cemetery, near Cornish Flat | 1 50 |
| Carlos F. Huggins, labor in cemetery in Dist. No. 5 | 5 00 |
| Wm. Balloch, labor in cemetery near Trinity church | 8 70 |
| George B. Walker, labor in cemetery near G. W. Sargent's | 1 50 |
| | $44 48 |

**For Incidental Expenses.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Fred Sargent, printing town reports, 1883, | $ 30 00 |
| Ira Colby, retaining fee | 10 00 |
| Claremont Stationery Co., order book | 6 00 |
| Mrs. J. G. Rowell, part of school money due district No. 14 | 32 00 |
| Freeman A. Johnson, damage to plow | 1 50 |
| N. A. Deming, bounty on crows | 17 30 |
| Geo. W. Hunt, recording births and deaths, | 4 50 |
| N. A. Deming, blank books and stationery, | 5 53 |
| Ed. O. Day, school house tax district No. 8, | 215 00 |
| James T. Jackson, do district No. 7, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. J. G. Rowell, part of school money due district No. 14 | 41 25 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Claremont National Bank, check for balance State tax | 88 |
| Chester Pike, use of watering trough, 1882–3 | 4 00 |
| Wm. M. Evarts, do do | 4 00 |
| Elijah D. Austin, for spikes | 1 51 |
| Sylvester M. Bugbee, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Edwin T. Ayers, damage to plough | 3 30 |
| Wm. D. Lear, use of watering trough | 3 00 |
| Rosilla B. Ripley, gravel for highway | 1 00 |
| Giles S. Hastings, damage to wagon | 3 00 |
| County Treasurer, county tax | 1419 37 |
| State Treasurer, State tax | 1360 00 |
| John Q. York, use of watering trough | 2 00 |
| Wm. C. Smith, labor at town house | 1 50 |
| Frank H. Weld, gravel for highway | 3 00 |
| Freeman O. Neal, over tax | 50 |
| Wm. E. Chadborn, Damage to plough | 1 25 |
| Wm. H. Harlow, use of watering trough | 2 00 |
| Abel W. Fairbanks, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Robert Dannatt, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Fred W. Dunsmore, clay for highway | 3 00 |
| F. W. Dunsmore, watering trough 1882–3 | 3 00 |
| John Butman, special school tax dist. No. 12 | 25 00 |
| Albert Weld, services with hearse | 14 00 |
| Allen P. Messer, damage to scraper | 1 50 |
| Allen P. Messer, use of watering trough, | 2 00 |
| J. G. Rowell, right of way through field | 1 00 |
| John C. Boynton, notifying jurors | 3 00 |
| Geo. H. Hilliard, use of watering trough | 2 00 |
| Edwin H. Smith, use of watering trough | 1 00 |
| Edward O. Day, taking affidavits | 2 00 |
| Wm. Tandy, bounties on woodchucks | 1 20 |
| Wm. C. Smith, gravel for highway | 2 00 |
| N. A. Deming, postage, express & stationery | 2 25 |
| Chas. Tyler, use of watering trough | 2 00 |
| Herbert Deming, printing school notices | 50 |
| Curtis H. Blake, gravel for highway | 5 00 |
| Norman A. Deming, time and expense going to Newport twice and Lebanon once | 9 00 |
| Wm. Tandy, aid furnished transient pauper, | 3 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Chauncey P. Jenney, for tax notices..... | 1 60 |
| Chauncey P. Jenney, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor..... | 54 52 |
| Elias S. Leavitt, damage to sleigh..... | 4 50 |
| Rosilla Ripley, use of watering trough .... | 1 00 |
| Town Treasurer, E. Walker's note, outlawed | 19 79 |
| | $3396 75 |

**For Sheep Killed by Dogs.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alfred S. Sisson..... | $ 3 00 | |
| Levi W. Harrington..... | 5 00 | |
| Chester Pike..... | 62 00 | |
| Henry A. Weld..... | 4 00 | |
| John White ..... | 2 00 | |
| Harvey S. Read..... | 5 00 | |
| Albert P. Butman..... | 2 00 | —$83 00 |

**For Abatement of Taxes**

asked for by Orlando Powers, administrator of estate of J. M. Davidson, collector.

On tax book of 1880:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fred G. Hildreth ..... | $1 15 | |
| Estate of Caroline Tasker ..... | 3 23 | |
| Michael Brady..... | 2 27 | |
| Lester T. Boyd..... | 1 37 | —$8 02 |

On tax book of 1882, asked for by Chauncey P. Jenney, collector:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Bolster..... | $0 85 | |
| Edgar A. Royce..... | 85 | |
| Alonzo Thurston..... | 85 | |
| Amos Keys..... | 85 | —$3 40 |

On tax book of 1883, asked for by Chauncey P. Jenney, collector:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Judith Carter..... | $1 39 | |
| Sarah D. Chase..... | 1 00 | |
| Serena Huggins..... | 50 | |
| Estate of Ebenezer Mitchell..... | 1 00 | |
| Rhoda Spaulding..... | 1 00 | |
| Elihue Russel..... .... | 1 00 | —$5 89 |

### For Town Officers' Services.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stephen A. Tracy, auditor | $ 3 00 | |
| Frank H. Weld, auditor | 3 00 | |
| George D. Kenyon, supervisor | 8 00 | |
| Seth R. Cole, supervisor | 6 00 | |
| William Tandy, supervisor | 5 00 | |
| Lemuel Martindale, trustee of Foss fund | 10 00 | |
| Herbert Deming, supt. of schools | 50 00 | |
| Chauncey P. Jenney, collector | 70 00 | |
| W. Dwight Spaulding, treasurer | 30 00 | |
| Samuel M. Green, town clerk | 18 00 | |
| John C. Boynton, town clerk | 12 00 | |
| B. F. Harlow, selectman, March '83 | 14 20 | |
| Ed. O. Day, selectman, March '83 | 5 00 | |
| Norman A. Deming, selectman | 120 00 | |
| William Tandy, selectman | 65 00 | |
| Ddward T. Ayers, selectman | 62 00 | $481 20 |

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### Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total amount received | | $7,530 03 |
| Amount of orders drawn: | | |
| For support of schools | $1322 78 | |
| Support of county paupers | 74 48 | |
| Support of town paupers | 60 37 | |
| Plank, timber, tile and stone | 338 15 | |
| Labor on highways and bridges | 515 04 | |
| Breaking roads | 175 87 | |
| Improvements in cemeteries | 44 48 | |
| Incidental expenses | 3396 75 | |
| Sheep killed by dogs | 83 00 | |
| Taxes abated on book of 1880 | 8 02 | |
| Taxes abated on book of 1882 | 3 40 | |
| Taxes abated on book of 1883 | 5 89 | |
| Town officers' services | 481 20 | |
| | | $6,509 43 |
| Balance in favor of town | | $1,020 60 |

## Orders Outstanding Against the Town.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | |
| Nov. 30, | No. 76, John Peterson | $4 27 |
| Dec. 1, | No. 100, Alfred S. Sisson | 3 00 |
| 1, | No. 102, Levi W. Harrington | 5 00 |
| 1884. | | |
| Feb. 23, | No. 129, Chester Pike | 62 00 |
| 27, | No. 133, Henry A. Weld | 4 00 |
| 27, | No. 136, John White | 2 00 |
| 27, | No. 141, Harvey S. Read | 5 00 |
| 28, | No. 163, Albert P. Butman | 2 00 |
| 28, | No. 172, Edwin H. Smith | 1 00 |
| 29, | No. 182, Charles Tyler | 2 00 |
| | | $90 27 |

The liabilities of the town are as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due on outstanding orders | $90 27 | |
| Due school district No. 11 | 10 47 | |
| Due school district No. 14 | 277 91 | |
| Due Lemuel Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance | 22 25 | |
| Due cemeteries, unexpended balance, | 55 52 | |
| | | $456 42 |

The assets of the town are as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Taxes uncollected in 1883 | $675 48 | |
| Cash in treasurer's hands | 541 39 | |
| | | $1,216 87 |
| Total liabilities outstanding against the town, | | 456 42 |
| Leaving a balance in favor of the town of | | $760 45 |

The selectmen would also state that they have dropped from the assets of the town the amount of Ethan Walker's note, the principal of which is $19.79, which outlawed, and is therefore uncollectable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NORMAN A. DEMING,
WILLIAM TANDY,
EDWARD T. AYERS,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in treasurer's hands, March 1, 1883, as follows, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ethan Walker's note | $19 79 | |
| Cash | 42 31 | |
| | | $62 10 |

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received of Selectmen: | | |
| Of County for support of paupers | $53 23 | |
| Of trustee of Foss Fund | 112 80 | |
| Of State treasurer, as follows: | | |
| Bounty on crows | 54 80 | |
| Railroad tax | 181 24 | |
| Savings Bank tax | 512 95 | |
| Literary Fund | 138 21 | |
| Of county for support of paupers | 15 75 | |
| Of town of Claremont for boundary monument | 1 00 | |
| Of selectmen, old orders, Nos. 22 & 23, reported last year outstanding, | 4 16 | |
| Of O. Powers, coll., adm'r estate of J. M. Davidson, taxes, 1880 | 38 66 | |
| Of C. P. Jenney, coll., highway tax, '81, | 49 21 | |
| do do '81, | 8 64 | |
| do do '82, | 423 54 | |
| do int. on taxes, '82, | 11 11 | |
| do taxes, '83 | 5780 41 | |
| do int. on taxes, '83, | 11 32 | |
| | | $7,397 03 |
| | | $7,459 13 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid as principal on new orders | $6419 16 | |
| Paid as principal on old orders | 474 16 | |
| Paid interest on old orders | 24 42 | |
| | | $6,917 74 |

Balance in treasurer's hands as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | $ 541 39 |
| | $7,459 13 |

### School Fund.

Amount of funds in hands of treasurer.....$470 87

### Dog Fund.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received of C. P. Jenney, collector, taxes assessed on dogs..... | $68 00 |
| Orders drawn for damage done by dogs..... | 83 00 |
| Balance against dogs..... | 15 00 |

Orders payable first day of April, 1884, at the rate of eighty-one and nine-tenths per cent.

Which is respectfully submitted.

W. DWIGHT SPAULDING, Treasurer.

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## JACOB FOSS LEGACY—TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss Fund, makes the following report:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| June 17, 1881, received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss Fund, the amount of the legacy paid by the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased..... | | $2820 00 |
| Received as interest on said fund for the year ending Sept. 14, 1883..... | | 169 20 |
| Paid to the selectmen of Cornish, to be appropriated for support of poor..... | | 112 80 |
| Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags and fixtures and putting up same.. | $56 40 | |
| Add interest unexpended last year... | 96 | |
| | | $57 36 |
| Cash paid James F. Tasker for raising flag pole at A. H. Eastman's, in north part of the town..... | 12 00 | |
| R. M. Yale & Co., for ensign..... | 30 00 | |
| J. C. Boynton & Co., for flag rope.. | 4 35 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joe Caswell, for putting rope in flag pole at South Cornish..... | 5 00 | |
| Personal services..... | 4 00 | |
| Total interest expended..... | | $55 35 |
| Interest unexpended..... | | $2 01 |

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

## AGENT'S REPORT.

Agent chosen at the March meeting, 1882, to repair road from Cornish Flat to W. H. Child's corner so called:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash received of the town treasurer..... | | $32 00 |
| Paid O. P. Burr, for drawing gravel..... | $9 00 | |
| Paid E. O. Day, for drawing gravel..... | 9 00 | |
| Paid L. Martindale, for drawing gravel.. | 10 25 | |
| Paid G. W. Hunt, Jr., for shoveling gravel | 1 25 | |
| Paid A. M. Dame for shoveling gravel.. | 2 50 | |
| Whole amount expended..... | | $32 00 |

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Agent.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD O. DAY, }
FRANK H. WELD. } Auditors.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee present the following as the report of the common schools:

The work done in our common schools, during the past year, has been such as to merit much praise. Teachers have been scarce. Our Committees have acted wisely in their selection of teachers. Several had to wait till the close of other schools in order to secure a good teacher,—hence we need more teachers,—good teachers. Good order has been maintained in nearly every school. Few teachers did not succeed well for the lack of good government, that otherwise might have ranked among the best. Much credit is due to parents who have encouraged their children in regular attendance and good lessons, which often does more towards having a good school than the best teacher can do, without the interest of home influence, in well directed labor. Parents who would have their children do well at school, must teach them to do well at home, thereby securing a good basis, and a good school begun. The scholars, too, have shown an interest in most of our schools to advance rapidly, showing a desire to prepare themselves for usefulness, and the politeness among many of our larger scholars was very creditable. There has been an unusual interest in the study of Single Entry Book-keeping, that proves very profitable and interesting among our larger scholars, enabling them to keep the various accounts occurring in common business transactions. It may be well to note here, that under the present law, the teachers are required to pass an examination in Physiology and Hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. As good health is one of the most important points in life, may all who have it, especially the youth, be taught how to keep it.

A brief report of each term will be found in the following:

DISTRICT No. 1—Below the bridge. Summer term taught by Miss Emma D. Morgan. The school was composed mostly of very young scholars, some too young to apply their minds to a lesson. Miss Morgan's pleasant manners, and method of teaching evoked a lively interest among the little ones. The blackboard exercise in writing showed a good degree of improvement. Winter term taught by Miss Hattie S. Davis. Miss D. proved an efficient teacher; good order was noticeable from the first. The number of scholars was increased by some coming out of the district joining. The school was a good one.

DIST. No. 2.—Above the bridge. Summer term taught by Miss Ada L. Hall. The school seemed to be prospering well at my first visit. I was not informed of the close of school, but reports were good. Winter term taught by Miss Ida M. Williams. This is the only school in town where scholars have completed the arithmetic. The success of the teacher in this school needs no further comment.

DIST. No. 3.—Stephen A. Tracy's. Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Martha E. Hurlbutt. Miss H. is a teacher of considerable experience, and knows how to gain the confidence and attention of her pupils. Good order was noticeable, and the closing exercises of each school were highly commendable.

DIST. No. 4.—Dingleton. Summer, taught by Miss Lizzie Chadbourne. The school appeared well, and good satisfaction was given. Fall term taught by Miss Minnie S. Wood. This was Miss Wood's first experience in teaching; being a resident of the district, and having already gained the respect of her scholars, the best harmony prevailed. She prepared herself before going into school with many useful and interesting subjects which at once places her among our best teachers. The school room was made beautiful with drawings of many colors, showing much skill and care by the scholars. All did well at the closing examination.

DIST. No. 5.—Johnson's. Summer, taught by Miss Carrie M. Deming. The scholars were well questioned by their teacher, and although the school was short, the closing exercises showed good improvement. Winter term taught by Miss Julia A. Whitaker. This school is not the easiest to govern, but through the commanding respect of Miss W., the school was well disciplined, and good improvement was made. The parents said, "We had a grand good school."

Dist, No. 6.—Flat. Summer and fall taught by Miss N. C. Boynton. Miss Boynton entered this school a stranger, but at once gained the good will of her pupils, and gave evidence from the first that she was in the right place. Good order, peace and harmony prevailed; and good improvement was made. Winter, taught by Herbert E. Ward. Mr. W. is a good scholar, and has had some experience, but a little more order would have been an additional excellence.

Dist. No. 7.—Center. Summer, taught by Miss Alice O. Fairbanks.—Miss F. worked hard for the interest of her school, and my last visit showed that her efforts were not in vain. Fall term taught by Miss Cora E. Penniman. This was Miss P's first attempt at teaching. Having received her own education at the high school, her manner of conducting this school was after her own schooling. The mark was set high, but her earnest efforts to have them advance were somewhat discouraging at first, yet no doubt a little experience, with a love for the work, will place her among the first.

Dist. No. 8.—Goward. Summer term taught by Miss Mattie E. Weld. The school appeared well at my first visit. This school presented some very fine map drawings near the close of the term, and the geography lessons were the most noticeable. Winter term taught by Mr. Geo. L. Deming. The labors of this teacher have been appreciated in this district before. The well directed, practical teaching this term, showed that Mr. Deming's efforts were awarded with unwonted success.

Dist. No. 9.—Town House. Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Ada L. Hall. The school appeared very orderly. A little more thoroughness would have been better, although the scholars learned well, and good satisfaction was given—Compositions a specialty.

Dist. No. 10.—Edminster. Summer term taught by Miss Emma M. Hilliard. Miss H., though a beginner, seemed to have a natural faculty from the first. Elementary ideas were introduced to the youngest scholars in the different branches of study, and blackboard exercises were particularly interesting. Good satisfaction was given. Winter term taught by Miss N. C. Boynton. The school enjoyed a pleasant term. The same good understanding between teacher and scholar as was found in No. 6. This is one of the best schools in town.

Dist. No. 11.—City. Summer term taught by Mrs. Ella I. Richardson. This school received the serviees of a teacher of successful experience, though long absent from the school-room. Her manner of conducting the school showed that she was equal to the times. Good order, good lessons, and good explanations. The closing examination was very satisfactory.—Fall term taught by Miss Flora Hilliard. This was Miss H's first attempt at teaching, and the work so well begun in summer was carried out with a good degree of success.

Dist. No. 12.—Poppysquash. Winter term taught by Miss Eva M. Kelley. This school, though small, was one of much interest. Teacher and scholars seemed to work well together. History lessons and writing are worthy of special mention. A special tax of $25 was raised to lengthen out the school, and seemed to be well expended.

Dist. No. 13.—N. A. Deming's. Summer term taught by Miss Nellie I. Hilliard. The teacher pursued her task with energy, and the scholars seemed anxious to make good progress. My last visit to the school showed that the efforts put forth were successful. Winter term taught by Mrs. D. D. Bartlett. All co-operated with Mrs. B. and the work went on each day with renewed efforts. All enjoyed the school, and good progress was made in all branches. An exhibition given near the close of school was greatly enjoyed by a good audience of citizens and friends.

Dist. No. 14.—Hempyard. Summer and fall term taught by Miss Anna B. Swain. The school was small and no great interest could be expected. The reading was excellent. I think good satisfaction was given.

Dist. No. 15.—Conlin's. Summer term taught by Miss Katie Conlin. The school was too short to expect a great amount of improvement. Good satisfaction was given.

Dist. No. 16.—Texas. Summer term taught by Miss Ida C. Proctor. The school appeared wide awake. The scholars seemed to appreciate the pleasant manners of their teacher. The geography classes were very interesting, and the writing-books looked well. I think a fair amount of improvement was made. Fall term taught by Miss Hattie Burr. Miss Burr is a teacher of considerable experience and worked earnestly for the good of the school. The closing exercises showed the school a success as the reward of labor.

*Conclusion:*—Much has been done in the past few years toward building and repairing school-houses so that all have been made comfortable. This seems to be a good indication of increased interest in education. It is hoped that the coming year will bring a greater advancement in education than the past. This can be done by increased and united effort. Let us look well to the welfare of our district schools, and we shall look well to the future welfare of our town, state and country.

I wish to return thanks to teachers, scholars, and parents for their kindness and favors shown to me at all times.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT DEMING, Supt. of Schools.

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## Roll of Honor,

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term, without being tardy. The * shows the same for two terms.

District No. 1. Emma Chadbourne, Luther Chadbourne, James Chadbourne, Fred N. Weld.

Dist. No. 2. George D. Austin, Charlie B. Ellis, Preston C. Reed, Georgie Smith.

Dist. No. 3. Robert D. Chadbourne, Frank J. Chadbourne, Burt A. Chadbourne, Charlie A. Tracy*, Nellie N. Tracy*, Evelyn A. Tracy, Frank S. Dana, Henry W. Dana, Jennie M. Dana, Hattie Read.

Dist. No. 4. Clayton L. Bartlett, Charlie B. Ellis, Ernest C. Wood, Herbert E. Wood.

Dist. No. 5. Stella E. Case*, Edith M. Cole*, Burt S. Cole, Frank C. Cole, Willie H. Avery, Lizzie J. Walker, Lucia E. Walker, Amy S. Walker, Clarence C. Walker, Robert W. Walker, Walter E. Walker, Nellie Wyman.

Dist. No. 6. Morris Carroll, Florence Carroll, Effie Jordan*, Nettie Churchill.

Dist. No. 7. Caroline L. Deming, Annie E. Harrington, Gracie B. Jackson.

Dist. No. 8. Clarence S. Cole*, Sybil L. Deming, Mary E. Goward*, Mabel S. Kenyon*, Ivon C. Weld*, Charles N. Weld, Charles H. Harwood, Elmer C. Fitch, Martin E. Kenyon, Edmund V. Mason, Nora M. Mace, Jennie L. Goward.

Dist. No. 9. Ina R. Dole, Mary S. Johnson, Hermon E. Dole*, Alvah F. Johnson*, Eben M. Johnson*.

Dist. No. 10. Lena R. Pierce*, Sybil G. Lear*, Katie M. Thrasher, Charlie S. Lear, Herbert G. Bugbee, Chester A. Fairbanks.

Dist. No. 11. Henry Richardson*, Johnnie J. Walker.

Dist. No. 12. Lillian J. Kelley, Hattie M. Kelley, Fred H. Butman, Edward G. Wright.

Dist. No. 13. Arthur L. Fitch, Willie H. Fitch*, Ida E. York*, Ella E. York, Lizzie E. Stearns, Ida M. Stearns, Fred C. Sturtevant, Jerome J. Hilliard.

Dist. No. 14. Emma S. Rowell*.

Dist. No. 15. Charlie E. Conlin, Johnnie H. Conlin.

Dist. No. 16. Abbie R. Hebard, Annie E. Lull, Edwin Q. Burr*, Horace M. Stearns, Augustus N. Benjamin, Geffanena Leavitt, Allie C. Sanderson.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| Number of District. | Names of Prudential Com. | Names of Teachers. | Number of Terms. | Number of Weeks. | Number of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | No. Different Scholars. | Amt. of School Money. | Wages, Including Board, per month. | Number of Visitors. | No. Visits of Supt. | No. on Roll of Honor. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Frank H. Weld.... | Emma D. Morgan ... | 1 | 12 | 19 | 17.34 | 25 | 158 19 | 21 00 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| | | Hattie S. Davis..... | 2 | 12 | 18 | 15. | | | 26 00 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | O. B. Williams ... | Ada L. Hall..... | 1 | 10 | 11 | 9. | 13 | 82 63 | 11 00 | 2 | 1 | |
| | | Ida M. Williams..... | 2 | 10 | 14 | 12. | | | 18 00 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | S. A. Tracy..... | Martha E. Hurlbutt.. | 1 | 10 | 17 | 16. | 22 | 90 63 | 16 00 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| | | Martha E. Hurlbutt.. | 2 | 12 | 19 | 18. | | | 20 00 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 4 | L. D. Wood..... | Lizzie S. Chadbourne | 1 | 7.4 | 7 | 6. | 7 | 45 32 | 10 00 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | Minnie S. Wood..... | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5.6 | | | 10 00 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| 5 | Martin Walker..... | Carrie M. Deming... | 1 | 6 | 13 | 12.4 | 16 | 64 39 | 20 00 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| | | Julia A. Whitaker.... | 2 | 8 | 14 | 14. | | | 24 00 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 6 | Richmond Rawson. | Nellie C. Boynton ... | 1 | 10 | 26 | 19.30 | 37 | 201 35 | 24 00 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| | | Nellie C. Boynton ... | 2 | 8 | 25 | 18.17 | | | 26 00 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| | | Herbert E. Ward.... | 3 | 8 | 25 | 21.91 | | | 34 00 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | N. K. Spaulding... | Alice O. Fairbanks.. | 1 | 10 | 16 | 12. | 17 | 107 74 | 18 00 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| | | Cora E. Penniman... | 2 | 12 | 19 | 16. | | | 21 00 | 15 | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | C. H. Deming ..... | Mattie E. Weld..... | 1 | 10 | 13 | 11. | 19 | 128 37 | 18 00 | 25 | 2 | 6 |
| | | Geo. L. Deming..... | 2 | 10 | 21 | 20.25 | | | 28 00 | 13 | 2 | 11 |
| 9 | F. A. Johnson ..... | Ada L. Hall..... | 1 | 10 | 9 | 8. | 9 | 70 43 | 12 00 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| | | Ada L. Hall..... | 2 | 10 | 9 | 8.75 | | | 14 00 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10 | A. P. Thrasher .... | Emma M. Hilliard... | 1 | 8 | 8 | 7.14 | 10 | 82 54 | 16 00 | 12 | 2 | 2 |
| | | Nellie C. Boynton.... | 2 | 8 | 9 | 8.11 | | | 22 00 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| 11 | J. A. Kendrick..... | Ella J. Richardson... | 1 | 9 | 15 | 13. | 14 | 100 47 | 18 00 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| | | Flora Hilliard..... | 2 | 9 | 14 | 12. | | | 18 00 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| 12 | John Butman ..... | Eva M. Kelley..... | 1 | 12 | 5 | 4. | 5 | 21 74 | 15 80 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 13 | D. D. Bartlett..... | Nellie J. Hilliard .... | 1 | 8 | 12 | 11.85 | 17 | 69 35 | 12 00 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| | | Mrs. D. D. Bartlett.. | 2 | 8 | 16 | 15.4 | | | 20 00 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| 14 | Mrs. J. G. Rowell.. | Anna B. Swain..... | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3.9 | 4 | 23 37 | 16 00 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| | | Anna B. Swain..... | 2 | 9 | 4 | 2.8 | | | 17 00 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 15 | John Conlin..... | Katie Conlin..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3.25 | 4 | 18 35 | 14 00 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 16 | Orlando P. Burr ... | Ida C. Proctor ..... | 1 | 8 | 16 | 14.7 | 21 | 52 51 | 12 00 | 11 | 2 | 5 |
| | | Hattie B. Burr..... | 2 | 8.8 | 21 | 17.24 | | | 12 00 | 6 | 2 | 3 |

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